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Letter dated 17 December 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose a letter dated 16 December 2018 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi, addressed to the Secretary-General and copied to you, on the grave violations of human rights and tragic and indiscriminate killings of innocent people in Indian-occupied Kashmir (see annex).

I should like to request you to kindly circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council, in connection with the item entitled "The India-Pakistan question".

(*Signed*) Nabeel **Munir**
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Letter dated 16 December 2018 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan addressed to the Secretary-General and copied to the President of the Security Council

As you may have seen in the media, on 15 December 2018 Indian occupation forces unleashed another reign of terror by killing more than 14 innocent Kashmiri civilians and injuring over 300 protesters in the Pulwama district of Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. The victims included a 13-year-old boy. The tragic and continued human rights atrocities and brutalities in Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir are escalating and becoming worse by the day.

In Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, every Kashmiri is a so-called "militant". Eighteen-month-old Hiba, among others, is blinded and forced to lead the rest of her life in darkness without any recourse to treatment outside India. Behind its false narrative of "killing militants", India has been justifying its Indian terrorism, but has failed miserably.

In its perverse quest to consolidate its power in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, India continues to disregard the multiple Security Council resolutions and the promises made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. India is trampling the fundamental freedoms of the occupied Kashmiri people with impunity.

The human rights situation in Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir puts the conscience of the civilized world to the test.

I call upon you to kindly personally take up the matter of killings of innocent civilians and peaceful protesters and urge India to put an immediate end to its repression in Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. We all have a responsibility to end such violence. I look towards your positive support in this critical matter.

(*Signed*) Makhdoom Shah Mahmood **Qureshi**